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**Eric V. Erickson**

**Serial No.: 10/051,897**

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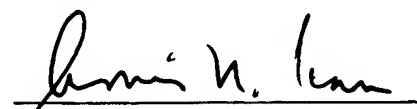
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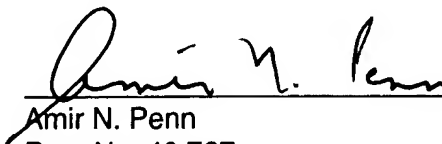
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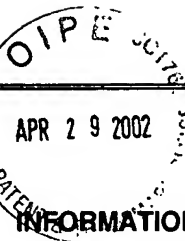
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